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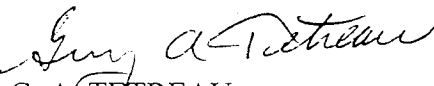
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From: Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District
To: Distribution

Subj: MEDICAL APPEALS

1. In the recent past, we have received numerous medical appeals from mariners aggrieved by the National Maritime Center's (NMC) decision to deny their medical waivers. In many cases, mariners were not properly advised of their appeal rights.
2. Enclosure (1) is a sample appeal letter to be used when a licensed merchant mariner's medical waiver has been disapproved by NMC. I request that you review the enclosure and personalize it to meet the needs of your REC. The first paragraph should contain the medical reason(s) why the mariner was disapproved or denied a medical waiver. The second paragraph should direct the mariner to make his appeal to NMC and not the Eighth District. Only the NMC has the authority to rule on requests for a medical waiver.
3. If you have further questions, please contact LT Tedtaotao at (504) 589-6260.


G. A. TETREAU
By direction

Encl: (1) Sample appeal ltr

Dist: All Eighth District RECs

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Date

Name
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Dear Mr. XXXX

The U.S. Coast Guard National Maritime Center has reviewed your paperwork for a medical waiver and has determined that the requested waiver cannot be granted at this time. Enclosed you will find correspondence which outlines the reason for their decision. (If attachment is not self sufficient, additional information may be appropriate).

In accordance with Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulation, Part 10.204, you may appeal this decision. Any such appeal must be received within 30 days of the date of this letter and must set forth the reasons why this decision should be overturned. Appeals should be addressed to the Commanding Officer (NMC-4C), U.S. Coast Guard National Maritime Center, 4200 Wilson Blvd, Suite 510, Arlington, VA. 22203-1804.

Sincerely,

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Encl: NMC ltr dated XXXXXX